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						A208.5	
		A233.5P					
A233.7P		A233.7P					
A238.5P							A238.5P
B89.5	B89.5	B89.5		B89.5	B89.5		
					B90.5		
B96.8	B96.8	B96.8	B96.8	B96.8			
B177.7		B177.7	B177.7	B177.7			
B180							
B237		B237					
B238.5		B238.5					
		B239.5		B239.5			
B279.5							
							CS Unlisted (2 types)
C10					C10		
C28							
C85	C85	C85			C85		
	C167	C167					
C194.5I	C194.5I	C194.5I					
		C245					
		D49.3I*	D49.3I*		D49.3I*		
	D56						
D57							
	D96						
D110		D110					
F68							
F95							
	G4						
	G30						
				G75.5P			
I0.5	I0.5	I0.5	I0.5	I0.5	I0.5		
						I2.5	I2.5
			I6.5	I6.5	I6.5	I6.5	
I40.5	I40.5	I40.5					
I67	I67	I67					
I119.5							
I119.6I	I119.6I	I119.6I	I119.6I				
	J3.5						
J181	J181	J181					
K37.5P	K37.5						
	L99						

USPS avoids "Irate" stamp & puts end to alphabet series; 177 perfins now known on A-H stamps

Bob Schwerdt's list of perfins on the Alphabet stamps of the United States (May 2000 *Bulletin*, page 75) attracted a lot of attention from members. There were enough additions to the list to make it advisable to publish the entire list again with the updates provided by other members.

The decision by the postal service to cover the most recent postal increase with a "First Class" stamp rather than another addition to the alphabet series (no way they were going to issue an "Irate" stamp!) may spell the end of the series. Still again, a J stamp may be just around the corner.

It is interesting to note that 14 of the patterns reported on the Alphabet stamps are personal, or vanity, items—perfins that are owned and used by members of

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Alphabet checklist includes 14 vanity patterns

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the Perfins Club.

The total number of perfins on the Alphabet stamps now stands at 177, a 59% increase over the original list. Some of the patterns reported here are also known to exist on the coil versions of the stamps, but no distinction has been made between sheet and coil or booklet stamps in the listing.

Schwerdt says contributors to the update include Chris Carr, Don Haynes, John Randall, Dave Ribble, Bob Szymanski, Jack Brandt, and Paul Gault.

If you find Alphabet perfins that aren't listed here, let Schwerdt know and he'll provide another update as the information warrants.

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						Small M (unlisted)	
						M1A	
				M9.7	M9.7	M9.7	
M10.6	M10.6	M10.6	M10.6	M10.6			
			M14				
					MCC may be M33		
M50A			M50A	M50A	M50A		
						M166.5P	
M158		M158					
N60A	N60A				N60A		
					N97.5	N97.5	
N113.5B	N113.5B				N113.5B		
N164.5		N164.5	N164.5	N164.5			
	O70.5P		O70.5P				
P124							
	P185						
	P229	P229		P229			
R2.3		R2.3					
						R94.7	
R97					R97		
					S7.5		
S99	S99	S99		S99	S99		
S146	S146	S146	S146				
S154		S154					
S191A	S191A	S191A					
U39.5	U39.5	U39.5	U39.5	U39.5	U39.5		
U40.5	U40.5	U40.5	U40.5	U40.5			
U56	U56	U56		U56			
U61.5	U61.5						
			U104.5	U104.5		U104.5	
V23	V23	V23					
W20.5P							
	W72.2						
W111.5	W111.5		W111.5	W111.5			
W196							
	Des49IP	Des49IP					
45	34	33	16	18	17	10	4

*The D49.3I shows only the DH, not the NYC.